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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER LINKS GUNS AND BEEF

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1. PM'S REMARKS AT JUL 3 DEDICATION
CEREMONY (SEE REFTL) BROKE NO NEW GROUND, BUT MULDOON DID
DRAW STRONGEST LINKAGE TO DATE BETWEEN NZ BEEF
EXPORTS AND ITS DEF CAPABILITIES WHEN HE SAID "WE
PRESS OUR CASE ON BEEF STRONGLY WITH OUR GIANT ANZUS
PARTNER BECAUSE IF WE ARE TO BE MILITARILY STRONG, RELEVANT
TO OUR SIZE, WE NEED THE MILITARY HARDWARE. TO BUY THAT,
WE MUST EARN MORE AND MORE FROM EXPORTS AND WE ENTERTAIN
THE HOPE THAT EVEN IN THE HARD, COLD WORLD OF TRADE AND
THE NEED EACH COUNTRY HAS TO PROTECT ITS OWN PRODUCERS,
REGARD BE HAD TO THIS EXTRA CONSIDERATION."

2. PRIMIN WAS RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR'S EARLIER
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REMARKS WHICH INCLUDED REF TO US AS SECOND
LARGEST IMPORTER OF NEW ZEALAND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
AND "LARGEST MARKET FOR BEEF, BUYING 65-70 PCT
OF NZ'S BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTS."

3. MULDOON AND VARIOUS CABINET MEMBERS HAVE ON
PREVIOUS OCCASIONS JIBED AT US BEEF IMPORT RESTRAINTS.

SECRETARY OF DEF HAS MORE THAN ONCE NOTED TO
AMBASSADOR AND OTHERS OF EMB STAFF THAT MILITARY
PURCHASES, IN ABSENCE OF ANY NZ DEF PRODUCTION
CAPABILITY WHATSOEVER, CONSTITUTE 100 PCT OUTLAY
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE. NZ DEF ESTABLISHMENT AND
MULDOON GOVERNMENT VERY CONSCIOUS OF NEED TO MODERNIZE
ITS MILITARY UNITS IF NZ IS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE
TO MAKE EVEN A MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION TOWARD DEF OF ITSELF,
MUCH LESS SOUTH PACIFIC REGION. DEPT CAN
ANTICIPATE THAT IN BILATERAL TALKS PRIOR TO ANZUS
COUNCIL MEETING GNZ WILL PROCEED WITH CLOSE CORRELATION
BETWEEN SIZE OF BEEF EXPORTS TO US AND EFFECTIVENESS

OF NZ'S DEF CONTRIBUTION.
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